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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 22

Introduced by Assembly Member Hueso

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Relative to California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 22, as amended, Hueso. California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month.

This measure would declare March 2011 to be California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, and urge that the issue of bullying, and methods of preventing it, be discussed with appropriate activities in California schools during this time.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, School bullying has become an increasingly
2 significant problem in the United States and California; and

3 WHEREAS, Almost 35 percent of youth in the United States
4 are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully
5 or a victim; and

6 WHEREAS, An estimated 8 percent of pupils in kindergarten
7 through grade 12 miss at least one day of school every month due
8 to a fear of being bullied; and

9 WHEREAS, Bullying can take many forms, including verbal,
10 physical, and psychological forms, and can happen in many places
11 on and off school grounds; and

12 WHEREAS, Bullying through electronic means is a serious and
13 growing concern; and

14 WHEREAS, Bullying is a public health problem that leads to
15 depression and low self-esteem well into adulthood, and the bullies
16 themselves engage in criminal behavior later in life at higher rates;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Bullying begins in the elementary grades, peaks
19 in grades 6 through 8, and persists into high school; and

20 WHEREAS, It is important for California pupils, parents, school
21 staff, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, to
22 encourage discussion of the problem as a school community, and
23 to engage in prevention and education; and

24 WHEREAS, The State Department of Education adopted in
25 2001 a policy on bullying prevention designed to encourage
26 positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors in California
27 schools; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares March 2011 to
30 be California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, and
31 urges that the issue of bullying, and methods of preventing it, be
32 discussed with appropriate activities in California schools during
33 this time; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.